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PRIORITY

A) CUBAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES PRESENTED ON NOV 12(?) TO SELECTED GROUP OF PRESS MIGUEL OROZO CRESPO, FORMER BATISTA OFFICER WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON NOV 2 ACCUSED OF HAVING LANDED IN CUBA SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THAT FROM REPORTEDLY CIA MOTOR BOAT FOR PURPOSE OF BLOWING UP MINES OF MATEHAMBA, SOME 10 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SANTA LUCIA.

OROZO REPORTED KNOWING LITTLE ABOUT ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD RECRUITED HIM NEAR MIAMI SAVE THAT CERTAIN FOREIGN EMBASSY IN CUBA RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO MILITARY MATTERS FOR TRANSMISSION TO AGENTS OF CIA OPERATING ON ISLAND.

APPREHENSION THAT CUBAN AUTHORITIES USE OROZO'S ARREST TO EMBARRASS SOME WESTERN EMBASSY OR AT LEAST MAKE IT EXCUSE FOR PLACING STRICTER CONTROL ON ALL WESTERN EMBASSIES, THEIR COURTIERS AND MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS.

B) MIKOYAN ON NOV 12 VISITED UNIVERSITY OF CUBA, WAS RECEIVED BY RECTOR AND MADE "IMPROMPTU" ADDRESS TO STUDENTS IN WHICH HE EULOGIZED FIDEL CASTRO AS GREAT LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE AND FAITHFUL MARXIST - LENINIST, WHOSE EXEMPLARY REVOLUTION

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REVOLUTION SHINES THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AND REST OF WORLD.

MIKOYAN DESCRIBED CASTRO'S FIVE POINTS AS PROGRAM FOR PEACE ADDING THAT USSR SUPPORTS THIS PROGRAM AND JOINS WITH CUBAN PEOPLE IN SAYING TO IMPERIALISTS "DON'T TOUCH THE CUBAN REVOLUTION."

[] HE THOUGHT THIS SPEECH WAS AN ATTEMPT TO END RUMORS WHICH WERE PREVALENT OF DISCORD BETWEEN MIKOYAN AND CASTRO.

C) [] HE CONSIDERED NEW YORK TIMES STORY TO EFFECT THAT DISENCHANTED WITH USSR CUBAN GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING SOME FACE-SAVING WAY OF PATCHING UP ITS DIFFICULTIES WITH USA AS TOTALLY ERRONEOUS. IF THERE EVER WERE ANY CUBANS WHO ENTERTAINED SUCH IDEAS AS RESULT OF POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF SOVIET ECONOMIC AID TO CUBA, CASTRO, WHO HAD BEEN SO INFURIATED BY EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND KHRUSHCHEV WOULD NEVER PERMIT THIS AND IF HE DECIDED TO TURN ANYWHERE HE WOULD TURN TOWARDS CHINA.

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